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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP VACANCY <u>Eastern District of Pennsylvania</u>

Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica announces the application process for a bankruptcy judgeship in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, seated in Philadelphia. Bankruptcy judges are appointed to 14-year terms pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §152. Current annual salary is \$149,132. Applicants must be members in good standing of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and in every other bar of which they are members. Applicants should have engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years; demonstrate outstanding legal ability and competence and a commitment to equal justice under the law; and indicate by their demeanor, character and personality that they would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed.

Qualified candidates will be considered equally and without regard to race, sex, age, disability, religious affiliation or national origin. **An extensive background in bankruptcy practice is not required.** The names of the candidates selected for the positions will be published for public comment prior to appointment. The application process is entirely automated. To apply, please e-mail your request for an application to:

PAED_bankruptcy_application@ca3.uscourts.gov

No paper applications or attachments will be accepted. Applications and attachments must be submitted electronically by *noon on Tuesday, January 10, 2006*. For your information, after reviewing the applications, the Merit Selection Committee plans to conduct interviews of selected candidates the week of January 23-27, 2006.